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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 25 --- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson, Bob Dole and U.S. Rep. Garner E. Shriver announced today that Wichita has been selected to participate in a pilot re-employment program for out-of-work aerospace scientists and engineers.

The Kansas Republicans said that the unemployed Wichita aerospace personnel will be recruited to be re-employed in jobs in state, county and city administration.

The program, sponsored jointly by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Labor, will be conducted by the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The two groups will be responsible for selecting the participants, who will be chosen from the rolls of the National Registry of Scientists and Engineers.

Pearson, Dole and Shriver said the recruitment will be completed by mid-July. The candidates chosen from Wichita will be provided with a four-week orientation period at the University of California at Berkley.

Following the orientation, the Wichita participants will begin new jobs that were located for them by the International City Managers Association, the Conference of Governors and by city, county and state officials. The HUD-Labor departments program will offer financial aid to participating government units for on-the-job development.

The Kansans pointed out the following program objectives:

- \*to test the validity of local recruitment and placement,
- \*to build a community's capacity to meet its own problems,
- \*to determine the adequacy of brief orientation in aiding the transfer of professional personnel to new occupational fields,
- \*to develop improved inter-agency methods of attacking some of the nation's problems.

In a joint statement, the Kansas delegation commented:

It is significant that the Kansas city was selected for this pilot program. Although as a pilot program, it is presently limited in scope, the concept of employing the talent and experience of professional personnel to meet manpower needs of

state and local governments, is one that if developed , could bring about multiple benefits.

Wichita is one of seven areas in the country to be selected for the program. Other areas to share in the 1.3 million dollars allocated for the program are: southern California; Seattle; Cape Kennedy; Huntsville, Ala.; Long Island, and Boston.